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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Amend the specification by deleting the text on Page 1, lines 1-3, and inserting therefor the following text:

This is a Continuation of International Application PCT/DE99/02940, with an international filing date of September 14, 1999, which was published under PCT Article 21(2) in German, and the disclosure of which is incorporated into this application by reference.